Ninetv-sixth-st. "Gentlement Hearty thanks. In haste, yours

"I. ROOSEVELT." The opening speech was made by John Stewart, the president of the club. This was followed by the reading of Colonel Roosevelt's letter by the secretary, William H. Irving, Then "My Country," The of Thee" was sung by the De Koven Maie Quartet. The rest of the exercises were intersecred, with such and with such and with such and with such as the secretary. spersed with solo and quartet songs in patriotic vein. Little booklets containing the songs of the Nation were distributed, and the choruses were sung by all present. Then speeches were made by Colonel C. H. Denison, James S. Lehmaier, Frank Warner, who served through the war on the Yankee, and the Rev. John Balcom Shaw. A poem was read by James S. Barcus.

a regular meeting of the XXVIIth Assembly District Republican Club, held last night, a resolu-tion, in which the club named Colonel Roosevelt as its choice for the head of the Republican State was unanimously passed. This action was taken by the club in order to deny some rumors that the organization was opposed to the Colonel. The resolution, which was offered by G. Davis, a delegate to the State Convention from the district, was as follows:

"Resolved, That the members of the XXVIIth Assembly District Republican Club, representing the regular Republicans of the XXVIIth Assembly District are in favor of the nomination of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for Governor by the Republican State Conv. on, and that the members pledge themselves he hearty support of Colonel Roosevelt as the publican candidate for Governor."

ernor."

The Workingmen's Republican Club of the XXVIIth Assembly District held a meeting last night at No. 246 West Forty-seventh-st, and passed the sessitions in favor of Colonel Roosevelt.

Leaders of the Citizens Union yesterday contradicted a report that they had been displeased with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's treatment of their informal nomination for Governor, and might take his name from the head of the reform ticket which have the contradictions of the contradictions of the contradiction of the contradictions of the contradiction of the contradiction of the reform ticket which the contradiction of covernic trying to have

his name from the head of the reform ticket which Paul Fuller's committee of seven is trying to have nominated by petition. It was said hast night at the headquarters of the Union, in East Twenty-third-st, that Colonel Rooseveit had agreed to meet some of the leaders at his place in Oyster Bay next week and listen to what they had to say about his running on an independent ticket, but he has not said either that he would accept or that he would decline an independent nomination. The leaders had a meeting in the headquarters last evening and beard some reports about the efforts to perfect district organizations of the Union.

VAN WYCK AND THE GOVERNORSHIP. THE MAYOR SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

The one great want of the Democratic leaders is a candidate to beat Colonel Roosevelt. All factional feeling has been subordinated to this. If the Demo-cratic managers saw a candidate who in their estimation could defeat Roosevelt he would be nominated with a rush whether he was a Hill man, a Croker man, a free silver man or a gold standard man. They are in deep trouble, and so far no statesman has emerged from the gloom to relieve their fears. It is still an open question, and Mr. Croker said last night that it would probably be an open question up to the time the Convention took Senator McCarren, who is practically in charge

of the State campaign, journeyed over to Brooklyn yesterday and held a long consultation with Hugh McLaughlin. The conference was not productive of results. When Mr. McCarren returned to the

McLaughlin. The conference was not productive of results. When Mr. McCarren returned to the city he had little to say. The discussion had been generally satisfactory, but not decisive. There was a great deal of talk vesterally to the effect that Whilam J. Gaynor would be the nominee. This was pointed to as a harmony move as it was said that the gold standard men as well as the sliver men could support him ensity and not wrench their consciences. When Senator McCarren was asked about Justice Gaynor's chances he said that he had seen in a Brooklyn paper the direct statement that the Justice did not want the place. This, he said, would eliminate him from the race.

There is no longer any doubt that Mayor Van Wyck, is being seriously considered as the most available man for the place. Mr. Croker is in favor of nominating the Mayor, and has spoken highly of him. The only reason there has not been an open declaration for him is because the leaders are waiting for somebody else to turn up.

Within the last week leaders from up the State have had nice things to say about Mr. Van Wyck, and have declared that he, would be an excellent candidate. They have declared that the voices to delest Colonel Roosevelt must come from the city and that the Mayor has demonstrated his ability to garner in votes here, and would be just the man to larke the strongest campaign. All of this has been quictly listened to, and the mercury in the harpyny-Croker combination, and if he had it is fair to assume that Mr. Hill and Mr. McLaughlin would chuckle and acquiesce.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS TO ACT.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS TO ACT. The State Committee of the National Democratic

party, the sound-money organization that supported Palmer and Buckner in 1896, will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at No. 52 William-st., to resume the year. It is believed that a policy to be followed in the coming State campaign will be decided upon.

The question at issue is, whether the organization hall indorse the action of the Syracuse convention or name an independent State ticket. The party can, according to its principles, support only a platform that opposes the Chicago platform of 1896, which declared for free sliver. It has been said that, in the event of the Syracuse convention reaffirming the Chicago platform, the National Democrats might indorse Colonel Roosevelt. This is not looked upon as likely, however, and the prospect for an independent ticket seems to be excellent. It is expected there will be a full attendance at to-day's meeting and that definite action will be taken.

LEWIS COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

Utica, Sept. 19 (Special).-The Lewis County Republican Convention was held at Lowville to are Congressman Charles A. Chickering, A. B Baker, S. Brown Richardson, J. S. Koster and Lewis H. Stiles. It is understood that the dele-gates for John C. Davies, of Camden, for Attorney-General. Assemblyman Addison L. Clark, of Copen-hagen, was renominated for Assemblyman, Henry E. Turner, of Lowville, for County Judge, and George Sherwood, of Lowville, for County Treas-

MUNZINGER TO BE RENOMINATED.

It was announced yesterday by the friends of enator Louis Munzinger that he would be renominated this fall without opposition. For some time nated this fall without opposition. For some time there has been a report that owing to the standing of John C. Sheehan in Tammany Hall Senator Munzinger, who is a great personal and political friend of Mr. Sheehan, would be turned down. His renomination will be generally accepted as a demonstration of the fact that Mr. Sheehan is once more in favor in Tammany Hall.

BAILEY ON THE STUMP IN VIRGINIA. Danville, Va., Sept. 19.-Congressman J. W. Bailey, of Texas, spoke at Chatham to-day in the interest of C. A. Swanson, Democratic nominee for Congress from the Vth District. People from miles around were in the big crowd to hear the Texan. Mr. Balley's speech was chiefly an attack on the Republicans in Congress for passing the War Revenue bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN SCHULTZE RENOMINATED. Middletown, N. V., Sept. 19.—The Democrats of the IId Assembly District, Orange County, to-day renominated for the Assembly Daniel P. Schultze, of Port Jervis.

ROOSEVELT ANSWERING LETTERS.

HE WILL NOT TALK ABOUT THE POLITICAL SITUATION-OYSTER BAY PREPARING

Colonel Roosevelt yesterday attacked the pile of letters which has been accumulating at his home, in Oyster Bay. Since it became certain that he would receive the support of the Republican organization for the nomination for Governor, each mail brings a big bundle of letters for him. They were mostly of a trivial nature. He sat himself the task of answering them, but if the increase continues it will soon be impossible for him to do so. He had nothing to say yesterday relative to the political situation. In chatting with the newspaper men be said he would not talk politics at this time, nor some time to come probably. He said the newspaper men might as well go home, as for the present he was out of the public eye in a measure. and being neither at the moment a soldier nor leader in politics his doings would not be worth

Oyster Bay is red hot with preparations for the

Oyster Bay is red hot with preparations for the peace jubilee, at which the Rough Rider Colonet is to be the central figure. Last week Huntington had a firemen's tournament, and the celebration set Oyster Bay on eage. Orders have been sent to Brooklyn and Manhattan for decorators, for Oyster Bay is not willing to fail behind Huntington.

The committee in charge of the ce-ebration intimates it has some features which it will not amounce, but will spring upon the neople. Every one awaits to-morrow night with anxiety, and all the old residents and weather prophets are being questioned as to the probabilities of a fine night, if it rains and Oyster Bay has to posipone the rête it will be many days before the disappointment is forgotten.

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REPUBLICAN CLUB ON THE WAR.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED PRAISING COLONEL ROOSEVELT AND OTHER HEROES.

A regular meeting of the Republican Club took place at the clubhouse, No. 436 Fifth-ave., last night. In the absence of Chauncey M. Depew, the president, Vice-President Louis Stone presided. On recommendation of the Committee on Membership the following new members were elected sident membership: James Parker Henderson and George Harry Lester, for non-resident membership, William Sturgis and Minturn Post

Resolutions were adopted on the death of Cephas Brainard, jr., and a committee of three was ap-pointed to prepare resolutions on the deaths of S. R. Cruger, Allen Schenck and Charles E. Bid-

On motion of John Sabine Smith, a committee of five was appointed to invite the members of the Republican Editors' Association of New-York State to a reception to be given for them in the course of their annual convention, which will take place October 4 and 5. The following committee was named: R. E. A. Dorr, Isldor Lewi, Willet F. Cook, Joseph M. Deuel and E. A. Newell, 1t was moved that the name of Chauncey M. Depew added as chairman of the committee.

Mr. Caldwell moved that it was the sense of the club that a reception be arranged for the newly elected State officials at the clubhouse as soon after the election as feasible, and that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for

Judge Deuel offered the following resolutions. which was adopted unanimously after much spir-

That we congratulate the people for the brilliant and dashing champions of liberty and humanity, in both Army and Navy as personified in Admirals Dewey, Soblev and Sampson and Generals Miles, Shafter and Wheeler, and the entire Army and Navy, and especially we felicitate our fellow-member, the brave, feariess and intrepid leader, Colonel Theodore Roosevell, of the Rough Ribers.

STATE POLITICAL NOTES.

the people of this country are rising in rebellion against systems of party management which make them automatons, and that party leaders ginning to understand it. It sees in the friendliorganization leaders to Colonei Roosevelt

The one hundred and fifty thousand votes cast for Seth Low in New-York last fall was a startling revelation to the leaders of both political parties. It is no longer a question of catering somewhat to the independent element of the country as a makeweight in the political situation. The time has come when their vote is likely to exceed the vote of either of the old political parties, and if no Roosevelt can be found in either party they are likely to repeat the Seth Low movement on a larger scale, and consign both the old parties to oblivion. The issue is fully as vital a ode to the perpetuity of our form of government as was that presented when the old proslavery Whis and the larger scale and consign both the old parties to oblivion. The issue is fully as vital a cost to the perpetuity of our form of government as was that presented when the old proslavery White and the old proslavery White and the old proslavery but and the old proslavery white and the old proslavery but and the old proslavery white and the old proslavery white and the old proslavery but and the old proslavers but and the country of the transportation the country. There would be no dickerinas with Tammany Hall whereby, in exchange for certain legislation, there would be a division of the spoils between the political bosses of both parties and their followers in New-York City. The affairs of the State would be honestly administered, and our Chief Executive would be the Governor in fact as well as in name.

"The Tully Times" reports that "the political situation in Onondaga County still continues to puzzle the average politician. The Congressional matter is a genuine "seven come eleven" game. their support of Mr. Belden, while in Onondaga. Republicans who are not members of the league, believe that the safest and wlasst course for the party to pursue is to join Madison County in its solid support of Mr. Belden, and make his nomination unanimous." Madison County Republicans are almost solid in

The talk about Senator Platt's retirement from politics in the near future, and the interpretation of the present contest over the Governorship as are not credited by "The Syracuse Evening Herald," which says of the rumor:

It has been circulated before on various o casions, only to be disproved by the fact. He is a fond of politics as David B. Hill, and we fam that he will have to be much older and feebler the he is before he is impressed with the necessity fretirement. To a man so constituted, rest fro political activity and intrigue would be no re at all.

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Our own opinion is that Platt will not resign the Republican leadership until be is thrust out by a man more powerful than himself within the Republican organization. No individual of that stomp or promise is now in sight. Nor must it be supposed that the election of a Governor hostile to Platt would accomplish the dethronement of the Republican dictator. For it must be remembered that Platt maintained an iron grip upon the Republican machine while Hill and Flower were Governors of the State, and even when the Legislature was controlled by a Demogratic majority.

Jones Who Pays the Freight and was once Lieu-tenant-Gevernor is talked of by some Gold Demo-crate as a possible candidate for second place on the State ticket this year.

The Mount Vernon Chronicle-Record" believes that the people demand Mr. Roosevelt's nomina-tion, but says that Governor Black "has made a most excellent Governor."

"The Syracuse Courier" says: "The report comes from Little Falls that Warner Miller is trying to get to the front again by defeating Titus Sheard, of Herkimer, and Tom' Wheeler, of Oneida, for the place on the Republican State Committee made vacant by the death of Charles W. Hackett."

MUST VOTE PROBIBITION TICKET.

MICHIGAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE SO INSTRUCTS MINISTERS

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 19.-The Michigan Methodist Episcopal Conference had a lively contest this aftermoon over the question of the adoption of resolutions pledging the brethren to prohibition. Some of the delegates bitterly opposed the resolutions. the ground that it was a blow at a man's individual rights. The Prohibitionists had a majority of the voice, however, and the resolutions were adopted. They severely censure ministers who have voted any other than the Prohibition ticket in the past, and instruct them implicitly to vote for it in the tuture.

WEBSTER DAVIS ON A CAMPAIGN TOUR,

Washington, Sept. 19 .- Webster Davis, Assistant of the Interior, left this city to-night on a campaign tour under the suspices of the Repub lican Congressional Committee. His first engage-ment is at Detroit to-morrow night, where he opens ment is at Detroit to-morrow night, where he opens the State campaign. From there he goes to Marion, Ind., where he speaks on the 22d; then to Terra Haute, Ind., on the 23d; Evansville, on the 24th; Sedaha and Chincon, Mo., 25th; Joplin and Carrhage, Mo., 27th; Springfield and Monette, Mo., 28th; Enid. Okia, 25th; and Guthrie, October I. Mr. Davis will then go to Kansas for five days, and then to Nebraska for five days. South Dakota for three days, and Wyoming three days. He will spend the remainder of the time up to Election Day in California and Washington. The chairmen of State committees of Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, West Virginia and Kentucky also invited Mr. Davis to open the campaigns. THE PRIMARIES TO-DAY.

BOTH PARTIES TO CHOOSE DELEGATES TO CON-VENTIONS-FEW CONTESTS LOOKED FOR.

The second official primary elections to be held under the Primary Election law, which was passed last winter, will take place to-day under practically the same regulations which governed the first primary elections of June 7. same enrolled Republicans and Democrats who were enitled to vote at the June primaries of their parties will have the opportunity to vote at the primaries to-day. Republicans and Democrats who were not enrolled before the June primaries cannot vote at to-day's primaries, and they will not have the opportunity last to enroll as members of their political parties until the days of registration before the coming election in November.

Delegates to four Republican and four Democratic conventions will be elected at to-day's primaries in New-York County, and similar sets of delegates will be elected in the other countles within the greater city. The conventions in which the delegates elected in New-York County to-day will participate have been called for the

following dates:

REPUBLICAN
County Convention, October 6.
Congress Conventions, October 12
Senate Conventions, October 10
Assembly Conventions, October 4.

DEMOCRATIC.
County Convention, October 6.
Congress Conventions, October 10.
Senate Conventions, October 10.

The Republicans will elect 219 delegates to the County Convention, which will meet on October 6 at the Murray Hill Lyceum to nominate three Justices of the Sapreme Court and one Justice of the City Court. The election of delegates will be on the Assembly District plan, the Ist Assembly District having only three delegates, and the XXIst district twelve, the representation from each district being based on the Republican vote for Governor Black. Delegates to the conventions which will nominate Repubcandidates for Congress and Republican Whereas. The war between the United States and Spain has terminated in a splendid triumph of the United States and in the full and complete accomplishment of its declared purpose; and whereas, Our Army and Navy have shown whereas, Our Army and Navy have shown efficiency and bravery which have elicited the efficiency and bravery which have elicited to representation for all the districts. The delegates to the scandidates for the Assembly District conventions, the transfer of the Assembly District conventions, the commitment election notice the complete schedules of representation for all the districts. The delegates to the Republican Assembly District conventions, to nominate candidates for the Assembly District basis, and the police Devented the City of New York in meeting regular to the City of New York in meeting regular to the City of New York in meeting regular to the City of New York in meeting regular to the City of New York in meeting regular to the Assembly District basis, and the police and the City of New York in meeting regul each election district being entitled to representation in convention according to its percentage
of the latest Republican vote for Governor.
To the Democratic County Convention, which
will meet at Tammany Hall on October 12, an
army of 5,602 delegates will be elected to-day.
The delegates to that convention and the delegates elected by Tammany to the Congress.
Schate and Assembly conventions will be chosen
on the Assembly District plan.
There will be no contests of importance at
either the Republican or Democratic primaries
to-day. In most of the districts the Republican
Machine will have no opposition in the election
of the delegates selected by the district leaders.
In some of the districts where there were con-

some of the districts where there were con be elected on the regular tickets, harmony tween the factions having been obtained, few districts there will be opposition tick but the contests will be of purely local e-acter, and will not attract much attention.

of primary records, must complete the offici-

MCCULLAGH HAS HIS HANDS FULL

HUNDREDS OF APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR PLACES AS HIS DEPUTIES

About one hundred applicants for appointment as deputies were examined yesterday by John Mo-Cullagh, the State Superintendent of Elections in the Metropolitan District, in his office, at No. 585 mended by the County Committee of which Congressman Quigg is the president. More applicants from the same list will be examined to-day. To-morrow and next day Mr. McCullagh will examine candidates recommended by the Republican organizations of Brooklyn and Queens and Richmond, and on Friday he will examine more Republicana from New-York County. On Saturday he will begin the examination of Democrats who have applied for appendment as deputies. About 1,209 Democrats have made application for appointment, and only 200 can be appointed.

The candidates are required to fill out blanks in their own handwrilling, and these blanks are supplemented by an affidavit.

On the back of the blank is a space set apart for the report of a supposed case of illegal registration. Superintendent McCullagh said that he desired in this to test the intelligence of the candidates. He wanted to see how each would go about making a report of a case of illegal registration. Superintendent McCullagh thought that he could have the candidates selected by September 3. mended by the County Committee of which Con-

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS

Cincinnati, Sept. 19.-Lieutenant-Colonel W. White, Superintendent of Schools at Dayton, Ohio, and waiting with the 3d Ohio Regiment to be mus-tered out, was to-day nominated by the Repub-Bethlehem, Penn. Sept. 19.—The Prohibition party conferrees to-day nominated George E. Stauffer, of East Stroudsburg, for Congress from the VIIIth District.



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INCREASING MANILA FORCES. MORE TROOPS ORDERED TO SAIL FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

UNEASINESS OVER THE SITUATION FELT BY

OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. Washington, Sept. 19.-The Administration has decided to increase the force under General Otis at Manila by sending strong reinforcements from San Francisco. The order directing the movement is as follows:

Washington, September 19, 1898.

Commanding General, Department of California,
San Francisco, Cal.
With the approval of the Acting Secretary of
War, the 51st Iowa, 20th Kansas, 1st Tennessee,
1st Washington and a detachment of 2d Oregon
Volunteer Infantry, now at San Francisco, are
hereby relieved from duty in the Department of
California, and will proceed to Manila, Philippine Islands, reporting upon arrival for duty to
the commanding general United States forces
at that point.

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The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the necessary transportation, especial care being taken to provide sufficient space; and the subsistence and medical departments are charged with providing ample and suitable supplies furnished by their respective departments to insure the comfort, well-being and health of the troops en route.

By command of Major-General Miles.

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H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant-General.

This order was amended later in the day so as to increase the number of troops by 1.161 privates and thirty-six officers. These are made up of four companies of the 23d Infantry and recruits for the 10th Pennsylvania, the 1st Nebraska and the 1st Colorado regiments. These troops made up the expedition under General King which recently left San Francisco on the Arizona for the Philippines, but was stopped by the Department's order when two days out and returned to port.

It was said at the War Department that no exigency had arisen which made it necessary to send more troops to Manila, but the order issued to-day was in accordance with the general plan of the Department regarding a garrison for the Philippines That plan included 20,630 mer for the Philippines, 12,500 for Porto Rico and 60,000 for Cuba. The troops to be sent to the Philippines under to-day's order will fill the at Honolulu will accompany those to be

pected to arrive in a day or two. Other steam ers now on their way will be sent back as soon

the American forces in Luzon. While theyedid not care to discuss the matter for publication, it was evident that the chief cause of their satisfaction was the internal evidence contained in the document that Asuinaldo had profited by the warnings of the American commanders, and had gracefully receded from the arrogant atti-

ritt left Manila for Paris While there is little in the official records that tends to contradict what the insurgent chief says, it must be recalled that both General Otis and Admiral Dewey in cable dispatches to Washington have pointed out threatening complications arising from the attitude of the insurgents. The last advices received at the War Department from Manila came from General Otis on Friday, and, while he referred to the agliation exhibited by the insurgents, he took care to say that he had troops enough. in his opinion, to meet any emergency.

HURRYING DEPARTURE OF BATTLE-SHIPS The Navy Department is rushing preparations for the start of the Oregon and the lows to Honolulu, and orders have been sent to the New-York Navy Yard to have the mechanics work overtime on the battle-ships. The purpose is to have them start on their long voyage by the end of the present month, and according to the calculations of the Department they should arrive at their destination by the end of January. There is little effort now to conceal the fact that the Department will have the ships met at Honolulu by a dispatch boat, with orders to proceed to Manila.

Battle-ships of this character are not needed to keep the Philippine insurgents in order, and their assembling at Manila in connection with the dispatch of heavy reinforcements of troops is regarded as significant. In well-informed circles here it is said that the real purpose of the President in making these preparations is to in sure the Peace Commissioners against any interference with their work in settling the future of the Philippines according to their best judgment. Not having disclosed his plans respecting the islands outside of Luzon, the President reserves for the American Peace Commissioners the right to dispose of the remainder of the islands as they may deem best. THE PRESIDENT'S PURPOSE.

A long line of curious incidents, to which one

of the great European Powers has been a party has beyond question done much to cause a feeling of uneasiness on the part of the Administration, as tending to show a purpose to interfere with the free action of the United States in the Philippines, and this has been only slightly diminished by apparently frank disclaimers of an ulterior purpose, because the incidents continue quietly and in a manner calculated not to attract attention. Such, for instance, is the gathering of naval vessels to the south of the Philippine group, the only explanation of which-coming from native sources, it is true, but still bearing marks of genuineness-is a purpose of acquiring either by seizure or by some secret compact with the Spanish Governthe important island of Palawan. This island forms one side of the gateway through which all the extensive commerce between Aus tralia, Micronesia and Southern China must

pass. The passage is narrow, and if the Philip-

pines are to be retained outside of Luzon, Pala-

wan must be kept, as forming one side of the

gateway. It is believed, therefore, that it is the

purpose of the President to prevent the aliena-

tion by Spain of any of the Philippine group and that the present naval and military preparations are steps toward the execution of his purpose. With the addition to his fleet of the two battle-ships. Admiral Dewey will have a force only second to that of Great Britain in Eastern waters, while on shore General Otis will have a more numerous army than any European Power except Russia.

QUESTION OF TRANSPORTATION.

TROOPS READY AT SAN FRANCISCO. BUT SHIPS TO CARRY THEM LACKING.

San Francisco, Sept. 19 (Special).-Transportation is the question awaiting decision now There is no obstacle to the troops assigned for duty at Manila sailing at once but lack of ships to carry them. No transports are in the harbor. The ships of the second and third expedition to Manila are believed to be on the way here. Colonel Long, in charge of all such matters, said this evening:

this evening:

General Marcus Miller has been to see me regarding transportation. We will hardly seek any new transports, as experience has taught us that the fitting of them for troops cannot be done in a few days, and has always occupied several weeks. There is every reason to suppose that the second and third expedition transports are now returning. The China is looked for on Wednesday. The Zealandia, the China and the Senator composed the second expedition, and while the China, being the fastest ship, will arrive first, the other two should follow in a few days.

will arrive first, the other to be a few days.

The Indiana, the Ohio, the Morgan City, the City of Paris, the Valencia and the Newport were in the third expedition. As the orders were to General Merritt to send back all transports not needed, these undoubtedly are also on the way. Seven thousand men can easily be accommodated on these vessels, and allow lots of room for each man. Of course, when they will arrive there can only be guessed at. They are in shape to be cleaned and reloaded with coal and provisions. I should say that three or four days would make them fit for sea. It will be economy of time and money for the Government to use these transports. Securing others and making them into troop ships might take a month or two. I have wired Washington for instructions and expect an answer to-morrow. month or two. I have wired Washington to instructions and expect an answer to-morrow.

Colonel Baldwin, the chief purchasing comnissary, has to buy nothing for the contemplated expedition. A fortnight ago he was apprized by the Chief Commissary at Washington that such a move might be expected. He quietly made his arrangements, and has now in store or contracted for rations for the voyage and for months to come. This makes it evident that the Government anticipated the orders ssued to-day by ten days at least, and that they were not the result of an emergency of sudden bad news from Manila. Among Army officials the inference is that

while Major-General Otis states in his last dispatch that he has no need of more men, the uncertain conditions prevailing in the islands make it advisable to reinforce him in expectation of possible complications. With the vast number of insurgents and

nine millions of islanders," said an officer tonight, "it is conceivable that the Americans may feel it prudent to have a larger army concentrated there. Originally 20,000 men were set down as the force to be given General Merritt, and sending those regiments and detachments is only fulfilling the promise made to him y President McKinley months ago. Of course, the unexpected might happen, and Aguinaldo is a factor not yet determined. But I believe what has urged the Government to dispatch these additional troops is really the moral effect of the order on Spain, the insurgents and the world. It shows that the United States is in the game to stay, and will play its part actively and take its winnings with no consultation of any one else. Particularly at the present time reinforcing

Otis muy be laid to shrewd diplomacy. The Peace Commission is to meet in Paris soon Our Commissioners may be less hampered in our commissioners has been selected and expressions if we are pre-pared for any emergency in the islands. Able to enforce any demands we may make, our ultimatum would have more weight with men to back it. The step is an indication of the to back it. The step is an indication to convictions of the American people of their unlimited resources should necessity require their manifestation.

"General Merriam is supposed to be on route their manifestation."

General Merram is superated to every from Honolulu. The China is due on Wednesday and should bring him. He will decide on the defails of the expedition if he arrives then, but otherwise his presence will not be unduly awaited. It is merely a question of transporta-

with General Merriam on the China. Adju-tant-General Babcock and Brigadier-General Francis V Greene are expected. General Bab-cock comes to resume his duties as Adjutant-General of the Department of California, and General Greene's status is not clearly defined. Few Army officers put any credence in the statement that he is in disfavor with General Merritt or the War Department. When General Merritt or the War Department. When General Merritt was requested by the War Department to name four Brigadier-Generals for promotion to the rank of Major-General, he named Greene and Babcock among them, and it is not likely that he would have done so if General Greene had done anything to incur the displeasure of War Department officials.

AMERICAN OFFICERS BLAMED.

LACK OF TACT IN DEALING WITH FILI-

PINOS CHARGED. London, Sept. 20 .- The Hong Kong corre

spondent of "The Daily Mail" says: "The Filipino Congress has favorably impressed the Europeans who have witnessed its proceedings. It is believed that its deliberations will result in a petition to President Mc-Kinley to establish a protectorate.

"The attitude of the American Army officers toward the insurgents is causing much unfavorable criticism among Europeans who have returned from Manila. They blame their almost criminal ignorance of the native character and their elementary ideas of colonizing. The officers seem determined upon winning glory at the expense of the insurgents by hatching imaginary revolts. Aguinaldo has obeyed every order, whether accompanied by threats or not. One insurgent chief at Pasay declined to move, and Aguinaldo asked General Otis not to proceed against him for four days, so as to give him an opportunity to interview him-"A British naval officer who has just returned

from Manila says:

"'What is needed is a force acquainted with the Asiatic character. America does not seem to utilize the material she has at hand. Every one is surprised that O. F. Williams, United States Consul at Manila, was not sent to Paris, instead of a lot of staff officers who know little about the Philippines. I am satisfied that if Consul-General Wildman, who has lived among the Malays and is familiar with British colonial methods, were given the power he could arrange everything satisfactorily with Aguinaldo. It is suicidal folly on the part of America that he has not been ordered to Manila long ago."

POISON IN AGUINALDO'S SOUP.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE THE FILIPINO LEADER. Manila, Philippine Islands, Sept. 19 .- The "Re-

publica Filipina" asserts that an attempt was made on Friday night to poison Aguinaldo. A steward, it is added, saw a Spanish prisoner who had been allowed his freedom make a movement which appeared like tampering with a bowl of soup intended for Aguinaldo, whereupon the steward tasted a spoonful of the soup and fell dead. Eleven Franciscan friars are alleged to have

been engaged in the conspiracy. The populace, it is further said, attempted to

lynch all the Spanish prisoners, but Aguinaldo intervened. At Saturday's session of the National Assembly, it appears, Aguinaldo was absent, but his

representative related the story of the outrage to the members, who unanimously adopted the chairman's proposal that they all go to Aguinaldo's house, express sympathy with him, and congratulate him on his escape. During the

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evening a special thanksgiving service was held soup intended for Aguinaldo is now subjected, it is stated, to a chemical analysis before being presented to the insurgent leader, and the Span-

ish prisoners are kept closely confined. NAVAL EXPEDITION FOR MANILA.

Washington, Sept. 19.-The advance guard of the naval expedition for Honolulu, and eventually for Mantla, started yesterday, when the Abarenda sailed from Fort Montoe. The Abarenda is one of the four colliers which are to keep the Oregon and the Iowa supplied with coal on their long voyage around South America. The plan is to have two of the colliers precede the battle-ships and two go along with them. In addition to these escorting craft, Acting Secretary Allen to-day ordered that the Celtic and the Iris be added to the expedition. The Celtie is a refrigerator and supply ship and the Iris is a distilling ship. Their capacity is enormous, and Mr. Allen said that no such perfectly equipped naval expedition ever sailed under any flag. With their large reserve supply of coal, with an abundance of refrigerated fresh meat and vegetables, with appliances and plant for making repairs to machinery, and, finally, with an abundance of fresh water, the squadron will be able to keep the set for an indefinite

MESSAGE FROM AGUINALDO.

HE ASKS AMERICANS TO BELIEVE IN HIS FRIENDLY INTENTIONS.

The following dispatch has been received at the office of The Associated Press in this city: "Manila, Philippine Islands, Sept. 19.-The Filipino Government desires to inform the American Government and people that the many rumors circulated regarding the strained relations between the Filipino and American forces are base, malicious slanders of the enemy to both parties, are without any truth, and are circulated for the purpose of prejudicing the appeal of the Filipinos for their release from the

oppression and cruelty of Spain. The relations of our people and yours have been and will continue to be of the most friendly nature, and we have withdrawn our forces from the suburbs of Manila as an additional evidence of our confidence in the great American Republic.

NO TRACE OF THE MISSING SOLDIERS.

MAJOR RICHARDSON BELIEVES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LEFT IN PORTO RICO. The sixteen Pennsylvania soldiers who dissp

peared from their regiments have not yet been found. Fourteen of the men belong to the 4th and two to the 16th regiments. It is supposed that they came to this port from Porto Rico on the transport Chester on September 6, but when the regiments reached home the men were not with them and their comrades could not tell what had them and their comrades could not tell what had become of them. The fact that the men were missing was brought to the attention of Governor Hastings, and he sent Major Richardson, of his staff, to this city to find out if the men were in the hospitals. He has failed so far to find any record of them, and Major Appel, who is in charge of the sick soldiers and has a complete record of all who are here, is inclined to believe that the men are still at Ponce in the hospitals there.

The ambulance ship Missouri sailed last night from her pier in Brooklyn for Porto Rico. She car-ies a cargo of medical supplies for the Army, sufficient to last 10,000 men three months.